

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Philip Ashton-Rickardt

Serial No.: 10/782,401

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
THE INHIBITION OF CATHEPSINS

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Brandon J. Fetterolf

Atty. Dkt. No.: ARCD:390US

**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**

DATE OF FILING January 24, 2007

**I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED OCTOBER 2, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2006 (the "Action"), for which the date for response was January 2, 2007. Consideration of this case in view of this response is requested.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is being filed concurrently herewith, along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to February 1, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, fees are being paid concurrently herewith. It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, should any be required, under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein,

the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski  
Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ARCD:390US.

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

**Amendments to the claims** start at page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** start on page 8 of this paper.